



FIRST THINGS FIRST

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Early Childhood Development and Health Board Regional Partnership Councils Summary

The mission of First Things First is to increase the quality of and access to early childhood programs that will ensure all Arizona children enter school healthy and ready to succeed.

Regional Partnership Councils

To build a system of accessible and quality early childhood development and health services, Regional Partnership Councils (RPC) will be formed around the state. The RPCs have a variety of responsibilities under the law. Responsibilities defined in ARS Title 8, Chapter 13, Section 1161 are:

1. Identify the assets available for early childhood development and health programs in its region, including opportunities for coordination and use of other available funding sources.
2. Identify and prioritize the unmet need for early childhood development and health programs in its region.
3. Submit a report detailing assets, coordination opportunities and unmet needs to the Board biannually. (The Board shall have the discretion to approve or reject a RPC's assessment in whole or in part or to require revisions.)
4. Annually develop a regional plan for the expenditure, during the next fiscal year, of funds budgeted by the Board pursuant to 8-1184 to meet the needs identified in its region.
5. Conduct the approved programs directly and/or make the approved grants pursuant to Section 8-1173.
6. Increase parents' and providers' access to information about early childhood development and health programs.
7. May solicit private funds from individuals, corporations and foundations to support its efforts to improve the quality of and access to early childhood development and health programs in its Region. The Board must approve any gifts received in response to RPC solicitations.

Regional Boundaries

The following geographic areas define the RPCs. Each Tribal Nation is included in one geographic area except for Navajo Nation. Tribal Nations have until March 1, 2008 to determine if they will stay with the RPC for which they were assigned or decide to establish their own RPC. The number of RPCs will change as Tribal Nations make their decisions.

1. Apache County inclusive of that portion of the Navajo Nation that is within Apache County OR Apache County, Navajo County, and all of the White Mountain Apache Tribe as one Region if Navajo Nation chooses to become its own region.
2. Cochise County

3. Coconino County inclusive of that portion of the Navajo Nation that is within Coconino County, the Hopi Indian Tribe, the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe, the Kaibab Paiute Tribe, the Havasupai Tribe and the Town of Winslow (which is in Navajo County)
4. Gila County, the San Carlos Apache Tribe, and the Tonto Apache Tribe
5. Graham County and Greenlee County
6. La Paz County and Mohave County, the Colorado River Indian Tribes, the Fort Mohave Tribe, and the Hualapai Tribe.
7. Maricopa County Southwest - Avondale, Buckeye, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Tolleson, Gila Bend and Tohono O’odham Tribal Lands located in Gila Bend (San Lucy)
8. Maricopa County Northwest - Glendale, Peoria, Surprise, El Mirage, Wickenburg, Youngstown
9. Maricopa County Northeast - Scottsdale, Paradise Valley, Fountain Hills, Cave Creek, Carefree and Fort McDowell
10. Maricopa County Central – Tempe, Chandler, Guadalupe, Ahwatukee
11. Maricopa County Southeast - Mesa, Gilbert, Queen Creek
12. City of Phoenix North (including zip codes: 85021, 85020, 85022, 85023, 85024, 85027, 85028, 85029, 85032, 85050, 85051, 85053, 85054, 85085, 85086, 85087, 85302, 85304, 85306);
13. City Of Phoenix Central (including zip codes: 85003, 85004, 85006, 85007, 85008, 85012, 85013, 85014, 85015, 85016, 85017, 85018, 85019, 85034) and
14. City of Phoenix South (including zip codes: 85009, 85031, 85033, 85035, 85037, 85040, 85041, 85043, 85339)
15. Navajo County inclusive of that portion of the Navajo Nation that is within Navajo County and the White Mountain Apache Tribe
16. Pima County North – Mount Lemmon, Marana, Rillito, Oro Valley, Catalina and the Northern Foothills part of Tucson (including zip codes: 85619, 85653, 85654, 85704, 85718, 85737, 85739, 85741, 85742, 85743, 85749, 85750).
17. Pima County Central - inclusive of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, South Tucson and Zip Codes within central Tucson (including zip codes: 85701, 85705, 85708, 85710, 85711, 85712, 85713, 85714, 85715, 85716, 85719, 85745, 85746)
18. Pima County South - inclusive of the Tohono O’odham Nation, Ajo, Arivaca, Green Valley, Sahuarita, Sasabe, Sells, Sonoita, Topawa, Vail, Amado, Three Points and some southern and eastern Tucson zip codes (including zip codes: 85321, 85601, 85602, 85614, 85629, 85633, 85634, 85637, 85639, 85641, 85645, 85706, 85730, 85735, 85736, 85747, 85748).
19. Pinal County, the Ak-Chin Indian Community and the Gila River Indian Community, and the Town of Apache Junction
20. Santa Cruz County
21. Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
22. Yavapai County, the Yavapai Prescott Tribe, the Yavapai Apache Tribe, and the City of Sedona.
23. Yuma County, the Quechan Tribe and the Cocopah Tribe.

Each RPC will have a Regional Coordinator. Regional Managers will oversee the operations of a group of RPCs. The Regional Managers are part of the overall infrastructure necessary to achieve the expectations and outcomes of First Things First. Regional Managers and Regional Coordinators will work collaboratively to achieve positive outcomes for young children.